

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
March 12, 2018
Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan Van Raalte, and Kim Simac. Excused: Jim Winkler. Unexcused: Mitch Ives.

Others present: Steve Nelson, Lynn Feldman, Sara Richie, Myles Alexander, Karl Jennrich, Michele Sadauskas, Stephanie Boismenu, Brian Desmond, Fred Andrist, Beckie Gaskill, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting it was properly posted. The facility is handicapped accessible.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Van Raalte/Jensen to approve today's agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Jensen/Van Raalte made a motion to approve the 2/12/18 minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date(s) of future meetings:

April 10, 2018 1:00 p.m. UWEX Conference Room

County Fair Report: Update and Lease (after 3/6/18 meeting).

- a. Update: The Fair meeting was rescheduled to Thursday March 8 and Alan Van Raalte was unable to attend. Per Lynn Feldman, all judges must be DATCP certified. Feldman clarified that a judging event must occur at a fair every year by certified DATCP judges, or a fair can lose its privilege to judge events. State statutes, require a judging event takes place. If no judging occurs for any given year, a fair can't ever again have DATCP judging and receive premiums, if they skip a year in the State of Wisconsin. According to Debbie Gegare, DATCP Fair Program Coordinator, past judging must have occurred in some shape or form in the past. Each year a DATCP financial report has to be prepared and submitted, which this County has completed every year. The Fair members discussed the Exhibit Court and shared what their vision was for it.

- b. City Lease: Mott asked the Committee reviewed the fair contract and lease agreement following the visit by Interim City Administrator Kost last month. The City remains adamant that no Fair admission be charged. Mott sent questions to Brian Desmond and asked him to attend today's meeting. Desmond said that work had been completed on a Fair-City Lease agreement from 2016, but it was never signed. The Committee confirmed that no signed 2016 lease was found. The lease from 2010 and was amended and signed by the mayor, dated 2011. Desmond stated they will let any current lease expire and draw up a new agreement effective January 1, 2020. The terms and conditions were updated on the 2016 lease by Corporation Counsel. The committee agreed that county funding will be reviewed on an annual basis as well as any discussion of a gate charge. Mott touched on other questions with the Committee and Desmond, such as the need for an established contact person at the City for the Fair. A review of the contract articles included that the City will furnish restrooms and electricity but additional facilities/services must be provided by the Fair. The Fair will continue to provide garbage pick-up. Review of Article 14 on insurance, Article 15 regarding permission to move or change something, and Article 18, that the City is not responsible for tents, animal personal property on Fair Grounds. The lease language needs further clarification. Desmond will further update the 2016 draft by June 1, 2018 and will be in contact with the City.

Consent Agenda Items – Oneida County Fair:

- a. Monthly Budget Report –February 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders/vendor contracts
- c. Line Item Transfers – End of Year Fair transfers

A motion was made by Jensen/Van Raalte to accept the monthly budget report and approve the monthly expenses and line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items – UW Extension:

- a. Approve monthly budget reports – February 2018
- b. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- c. Line-Item transfers – Year end LIT's

Jensen/Van Raalte made motion to accept the monthly budget report and approve the monthly expenses and the year-end line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Brian Desmond and Fred Andrist excused and at 1:40 p.m.

Mining 101 Update Karl Jennrich:

The Oneida County Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of outside counsel, William Scott, to review County Ordinance section 9.61. Jennrich will need to verify with Brian Desmond if the contract was signed with William Scott, or if it will be on March 15. The Planning and Development Committee is meeting on Wednesday the 14th, but no discussion will take place until possibly Wednesday, March 21 or 28. The purpose of the Mining Oversight Committee and whether or not the Planning and Development will oversee the ordinance amendments was discussed. The Mining Oversight Committee oversees any grievances or leases to be signed. The County Board and this Committee may offer input on these topics. The deposits are all on county land and there are checks and balances in place. The role of the DNR is to protect ground water, and verbiage regarding to what depth has changed in the new law. They will be asking Mr. Scott to look into the law. Phase one is to check compliance with the law. Phase two is to consider any changes suggested by the County Board or Committee members. Mott suggested an informational meeting on mining at the next committee meeting where a speaker could address "Mining Questions and Concerns" on Act 134. Mr. Scott will report at the full County Board once his work is completed. They are looking at a possible deadline of July 1. If there are specific questions that need discussion, send those to Karl Jennrich.

Cost share Project Update:

Sadauskas reviewed how phase one and two operate on projects if there is funding available. Minocqua Shores is in 2018 of their Cost Share monies of \$8,000. This condominium association is seeking protection of 550 linear feet of shoreline. The whole project will cost approximately \$55,000. The association has to make a decision to either complete work as one big project or divide it into smaller jobs. Without knowing the 2019 budget, Sadauskas asked Committee for their thoughts on a possible phase II for this project. The goal is to distribute projects to as many people as possible, but Sadauskas would recommend a phase II for 2019. The cost share total is \$16,000 divided between two years. Cost would be \$8,000 in 2018, and \$8,000 in 2019. Although not specifically noted on this agenda, the Committee is open to this consideration and supports her recommendation.

- a. Contractor Workshop: A workshop pertaining to Oneida County Cost Share Program is being offered to area contractors and landscapers on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the courthouse. Reservations are greatly appreciated. Guest speaker, Scott Toshner, Fisheries Biologist, Wisconsin DNR-Spooner will speak about Fish Sticks.
- b. Brice Project & Deposit Reimbursement: Sadauskas asked for an action approval for the release of \$7,500 in Cost Share monies and the return of a \$1,000 deposit. The upland portion was finished last fall and they just completed the rip rap portion last week. A motion was made by Van Raalte/Simac to approve the Brice project and deposit re-imburement. All ayes; motion approved.

2018 Turkey Donation Program Participation:

Committee agreed to the 2018 turkey donation for spring and fall. They are asking for signatures and approval. Jensen/Van Raalte made a motion to approve the 2018 turkey donation program. All ayes; motion carried.

LWCD Update:

- a. AIS Grant Award –The grant was accepted and Boismenu thanked the Committee for their support. It will allow them to hire the three LTEs. Wages for one of the LTE's will come from remaining funds from the 2017 grant. Eight classroom visits are scheduled through the end of April. Boismenu has five scheduled school field events. She will give three presentations at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention on phragmites restoration, Yellow Iris restoration, and on the poster presentation of the ice angler survey.
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. Wisconsin Lakes Convention April 18-20, 2018: Mott and Sadauskas will attend and Boismenu will be presenting. There will be a presentation on the AIS program. Boismenu and Brad Steckart, AIS coordinator in Washington

County, will speak on support received from their County Board and tax levy for their AIS programs. The speaking and poster contest winners will be featured as well.

- ii. Ecological Restoration-Midwest Great Lakes Chapter Meeting Apr 20: The conference occurs at same time as the Wisconsin Lakes. They will be presenting on restoration work between pollinators and AIS landscape work.
- iii. Teacher Recognition at the May County Board Meeting: The local winners of the speaking contest have been invited to speak at the meeting. Two teachers, Marci Spears and Brian Carpenter, have been invited to be recognized for their involvement in promoting the speaking and poster contests to their students.

County Employee Recognition: Mott requested information on employee recognition of service. There are five, ten, fifteen, and 20 year milestones. Past recognition was given at the County Board meeting, and now it is done at the Committee level. Some employee are not comfortable in front of groups or did not want to be present in front of the committee or the full county board. The Committee asked to be notified of employees who are eligible. Review what involvement LRES has regarding this. Recognition is given the both Oneida and Vilas County internal employee newsletters.

Consent Agenda Items – Land and Water Conservation:

- a. Approve out-of-county travel requests as presented.
 - i. Michele Sadauskas Apr 18-20 WI Lakes Convention, Stevens Pt. Portage Co.
 - ii. Stephanie Boismenu: Phragmites Summit Mar 5, and Apr 18-20 WI Lake Convention, Stevens Pt. Portage Co.
- b. Approve monthly budget report(s)
- c. Approve Monthly invoices/purchase orders.
- d. Line-Item transfers
 - i. Final Year End LITs

A motion was made by Jensen/Van Raalte to accept the monthly budget report and approve the monthly expenses and line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Jennrich, Sadauskas, Boismenu were excused. 2:45.

Extension Annual Report:

Sara Richie reviewed the Extension Annual Report. The categories included Productive and Resilient Environments, Stronger Economies, Food Safety, Security and Health, and Thriving Families. The Committee advised topics that would be notable for the County Board Meeting presentation. Each educator will highlight a project and how UW-Extension provided the services for an area project. They will describe what Extension provides and its cost effectiveness. All educators will be in attendance to answer specific questions. A list of established community partnerships was shared as well. Institute and program Affiliations within the UW-Extension were reviewed with the Committee.

Office Air Environment:

For the month of February, there were seven reported instances of fumes in the office area. This number is most likely less than what actually occurred. Feldman reported to Joe Brauer that fumes seemed more pervasive. Brauer will check that all procedures are being followed to prevent excess fumes from entering the building. He had noticed more fumes this month.

Support Staff:

Jensen reported on the request for proposed percentage change on support staff. The percentages were left at .8 and .8 for now. With educator percentage changes and reductions, the LRES Committee will hold off on any changes for now. With the unsettled nature of the Extension re-organization, and decisions are difficult. Mott would have preferred to see the individual situation addressed. It will be re-addressed at budget time. The Committee shall have a proposal ready by August.

Public Comment: None

Items to Include on next Agenda: Act 134 Mining and Oneida County Ordinance amendment, Cost Share, LWCD update, Fair Update and Contract with City. Extension update, Air environment.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Van Raalte/Jensen at 3:40 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott Committee Chair